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TAGS: PFOR, CGEN, CPAS (BLYDEN, AMELIA ELIZABETH)

SUBJECT: WIFE OF SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR

1. SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR EDWARD WILMOT BLYDEN IS SCHEDULED  
ARRIVE KENNEDY DECEMBER 22 PAA 93 WITH FAMILY TO RESIDE NEW YORK  
AS SL REPRESENTATIVE TO UN.

2. HIS WIFE IS AMELIA ELIZABETH BLYDEN, BORN MAY 19, 1928  
WORCESTER, MASS. WE UNDERSTAND SHE CONSIDERS HERSELF US CITIZEN.  
AS WIFE OF SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR SHE MUST OF COURSE ENTER AND  
EXIT USSR WITH SL DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. EVENING DECEMBER 20 SL  
EMBASSY APPLIED FOR US VISA FOR HER BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.  
CONSOFF PHONED AMBASSADOR BLYDEN AND ASKED WHETHER SHE HAS VALID  
U.S. PASSPORT. HE SAID SHE DOES, BUT IT HAD BEEN PACKED AND  
SHIPPED. CONSOFF DID NOT CONSIDER IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO  
DECLINE TO DOCUMENT HER TO PROCEED WITH HUSBAND ON ASSIGNMENT TO  
UN AS REQUESTED BY SL EMBASSY, SO HE PLACED VISA STAMP IN HER SL  
PASSPORT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS INSTANCES IN WHICH  
DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO UN HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO DUAL-CITIZEN WIVES,  
AND ON BASIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE USUN PROTOCOL MAY WISH TO TAKE  
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WHATEVER ACTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE WITH REGARD TO MRS. BLYDEN'S

ADMISSION TO US. USUN PROTOCOL MIGHT WISH TO SUGGEST INS PAROLE  
HER INTO US, AND IF POSSESSION OF US PASSPORT IS SUBSEQUENTLY  
CONFIRMED PERHAPS SHE COULD BE GRANTED GRATIS RETROACTIVE PASSPORT  
WAIVER AND ADMITTED AS US CITIZEN. (SUCH ACTION WOULD, HOWEVER,  
PRESUMABLY RAISE PROBLEMS OF IMMUNITY, ETC.)

4. BLYDENS HAVE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO PRESUMABLY MAY ALSO BE  
DUAL CITIZENS:

FENDA AMINATA BLYDEN, BORN DECEMBER 10, 1955 SIERRA LEONE

CLEOPATRA RAKIAT BLYDEN, BORN JULY 7, 1957 SL

EDWARD KATIB BLYDEN, BORN JULY 22, 1963 SL

ELUEM R. H.BLYDEN, BORN JANUARY 2, 1962 SL

AMELIA NEMATA IBITAYO BLYDEN, BORN SEPTEMBER 13, 1964 WORCESTER,  
MASS.

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